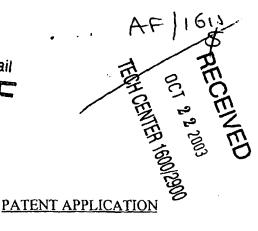
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003 to October 21, 2003. A check in the amount of \$420.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension in connection with this paper, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003 (Paper No. 6), please amend the application as follows:

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